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TAGS: ETRD, MA

SUBJECT: GSP: FIRST YEAR REVIEW

REF: STATE 067507

1. OFFICIALS IN MADAGASCAR MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND COMMERCE BELIEVE THAT FEW OF THEIR EXPORTS HAVE BENEFITED FROM US GSP SYSTEM BECAUSE MADAGASCAR EXPORTERS, BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE, ARE NOT AWARE OF THE GSP SYSTEM. THE GOVERNMENT PRINTER HAS STOCKS OF FORM-A BUT REPORTED TO THE MINISTRY THAT THERE HAVE BEEN VIRTUALLY NO REQUESTS FOR THE FORMS IN RECENT YEARS. MINISTRY OFFICIALS INFORM EMBASSY THAT EXPORTERS ARE IGNORANT OF OTHER NATIONS'S GSP SYSTEM AS WELL AS OURS.

2. EMBASSY IS AWARE THAT RECENTLY MADAGASCAR LOST CHANCE TO SELL 10,000 TONS OF SUGAR TO THE UNITED STATES BECUASE NEITHER SUGAR EXPORTERS NOR COMMERCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS REALIZED THAT RECENT INCREASE IN US SUGAR TARIFF DID NOT APPLY TO MADAGASCAR'S SUGAR BECAUSE OF GSP.

3. COMMERCE MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE ATTEMPTING TO EDUCATE EXPORTERS TO THE GSP SYSTEM AND EMBASSY ECONOMIC/COM-  
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MERCIAL OFFICER HAS ALREADY PARTICIPATED IN ONE UNCTAD SPONSORED GSP SEMINAR. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT MINISTRY OFFICIALS ARE ABOUT TO LAUNCH A CONCERTED CAMPAIGN OF AWARENESS ON GSP AND THAT WITHIN A FEW MONTHS, MOST LARGE MADAGASCAR EXPORTERS WILL BEGIN TO USE FORM-A.

4. WILL PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS WHEN RECEIVE POUCHED

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